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TO: Ambassador Walker

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FROM: POL - John S. Boardman

SUBJECT: Security Council Informals on Rwanda, Friday, April
29, 12:00 noon

The Deputies Committee is meeting at 10:30 this morning. We have only preliminary guidance on a few of the paragraphs in the draft Presidential statement. Hopefully, the DC will clarify what we want to do about Rwanda. Unfortunately, they are probably not focusing on exactly the same issues being addressed in Council.

TALKING POINTS:

- First, let me commend the President for doing an excellent job of pulling together all the disparate elements mentioned in yesterday's informals into a coherent, comprehensive draft which is a very good basis for further discussion.
- I do not yet have fully cleared instructions from my capital on the draft statement. However, high-level discussions about the crisis in Rwanda are being held in Washington today. I hope to have instructions by this afternoon.
- Preliminary, I would like to make a few points.
- The reference in the first paragraph to "members or supporters of the armed forces of the former Government of Rwanda" reportedly being responsible for the attacks on civilians is totally consistent with our information.
- Our legal experts tell us that the last sentence in the first paragraph, spelling out the definition of genocide, seems acceptable as written.

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